



Our Journey Report, 2026

This is a report of the 2026 CRCNA congregational survey that **1,359** of your congregants completed. This report contains five sections.

Our Journey Milestones: The first section consists of Our Journey Milestones, along with a few matrix questions from the Individual Items.

Diaconal Ministry: The second section contains all of the questions about diaconal ministry within your congregation.

Multiple Choice: The third section contains all of the matrix questions from the Individual Items, along with church involvement, CRC loyalty and support, and financial contributions.

Demographics: The fourth section contains demographic information for your congregation compared with other participating congregations.

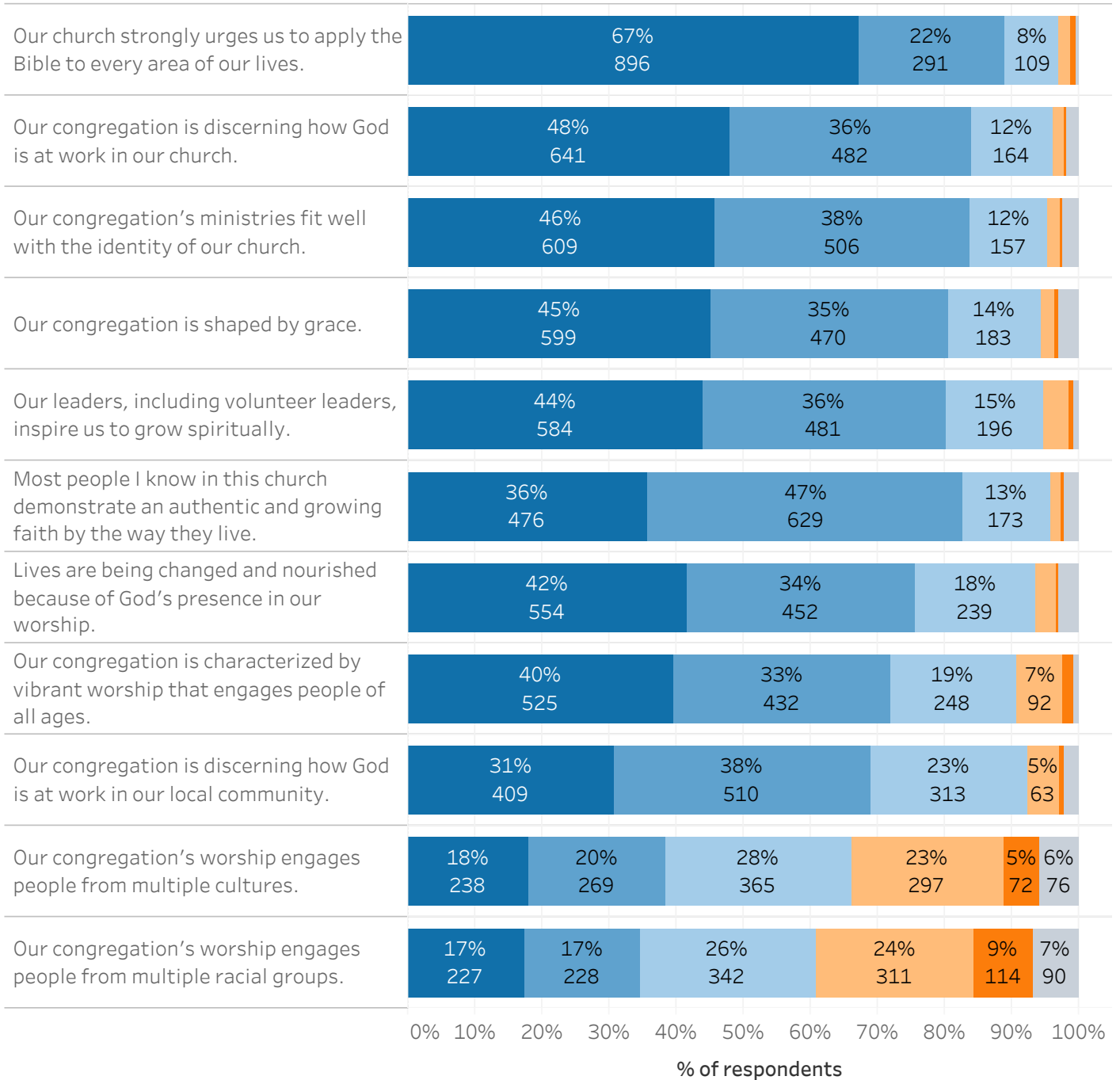
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Cultivating Prayer and Spiritual Discipline

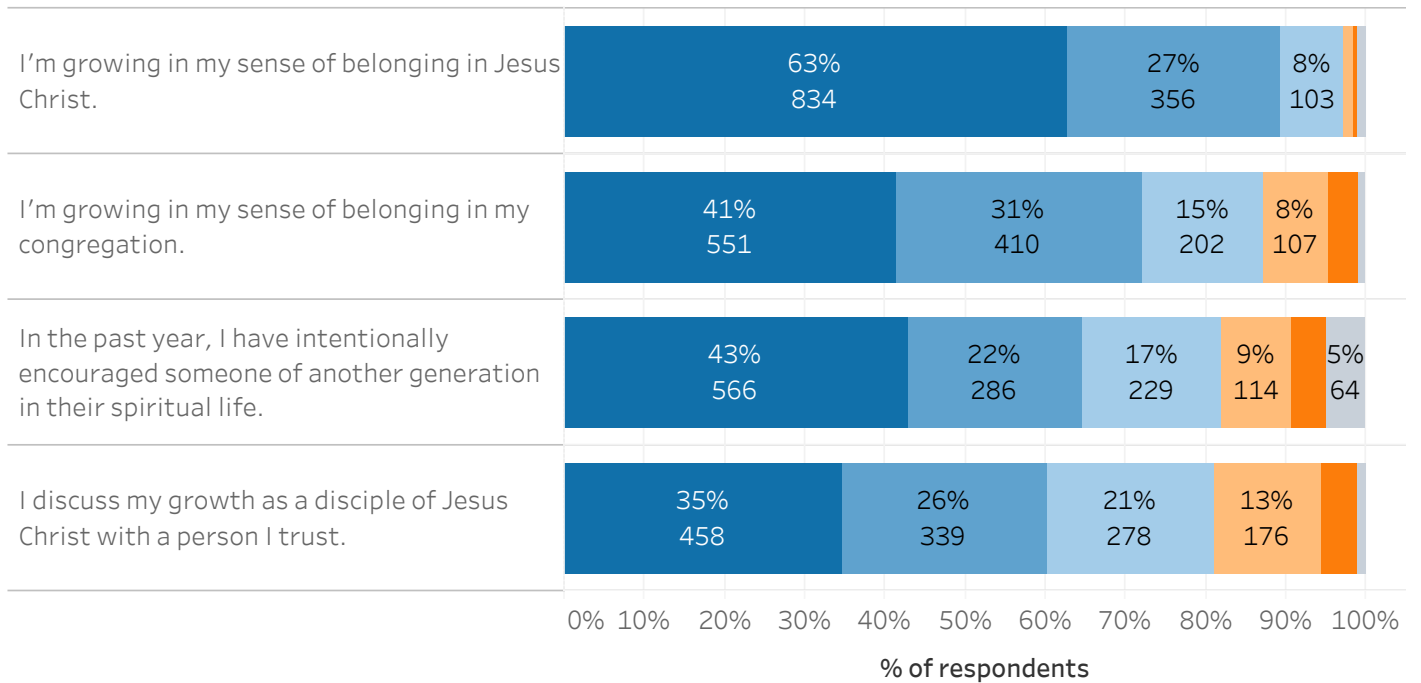
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Listening to All Voices

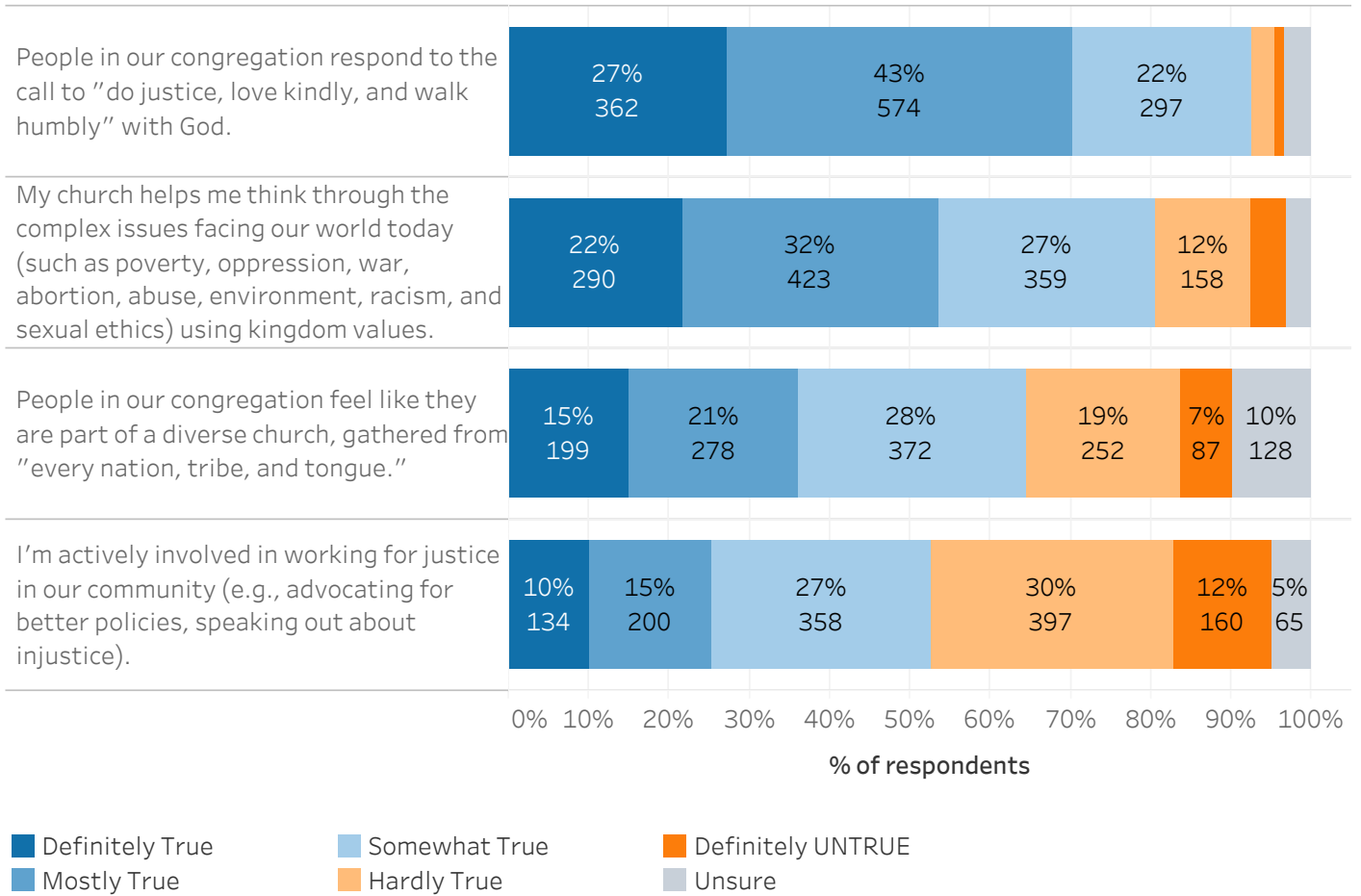
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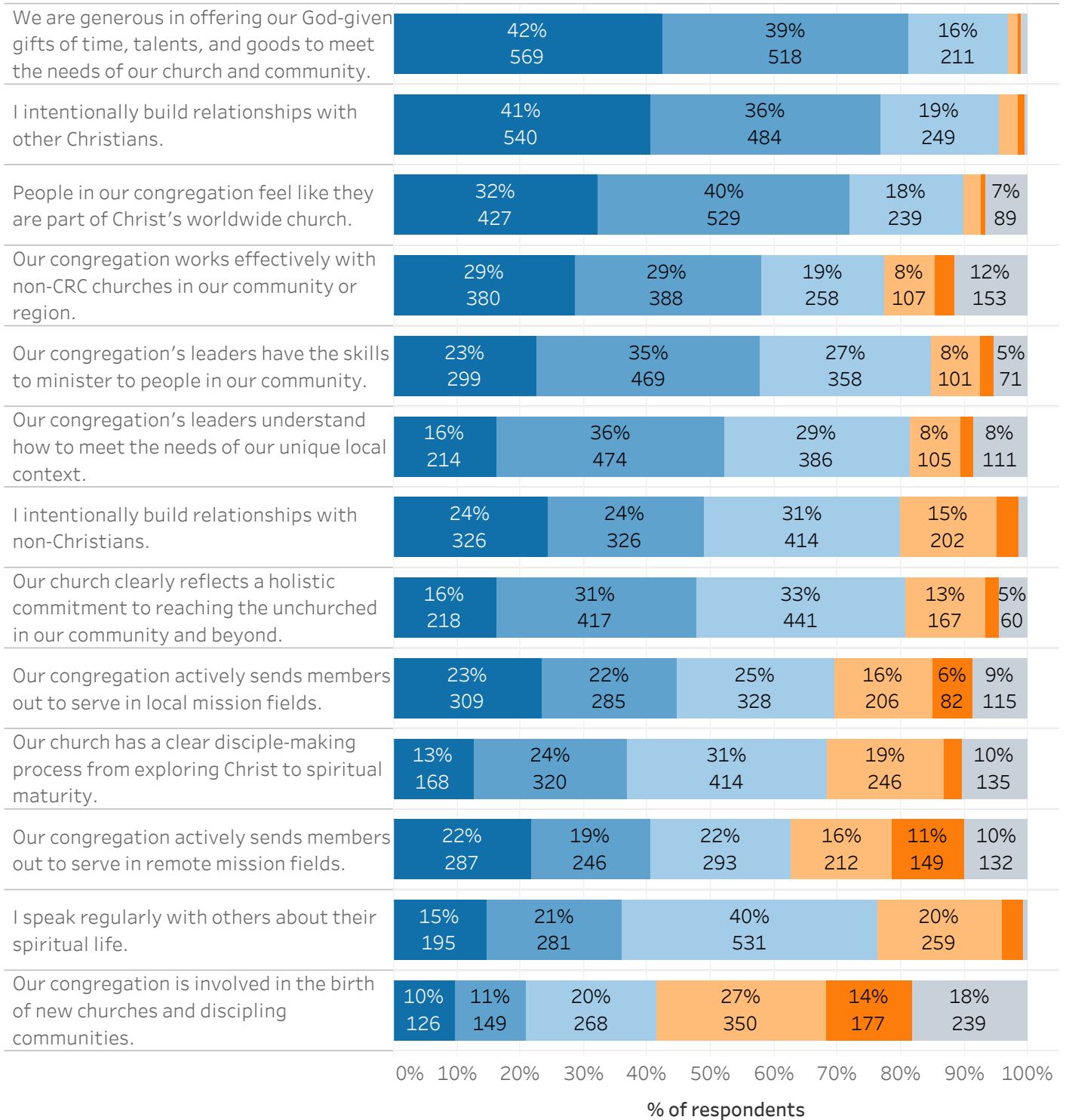
Diversity and Unity

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Discovering the Gospel

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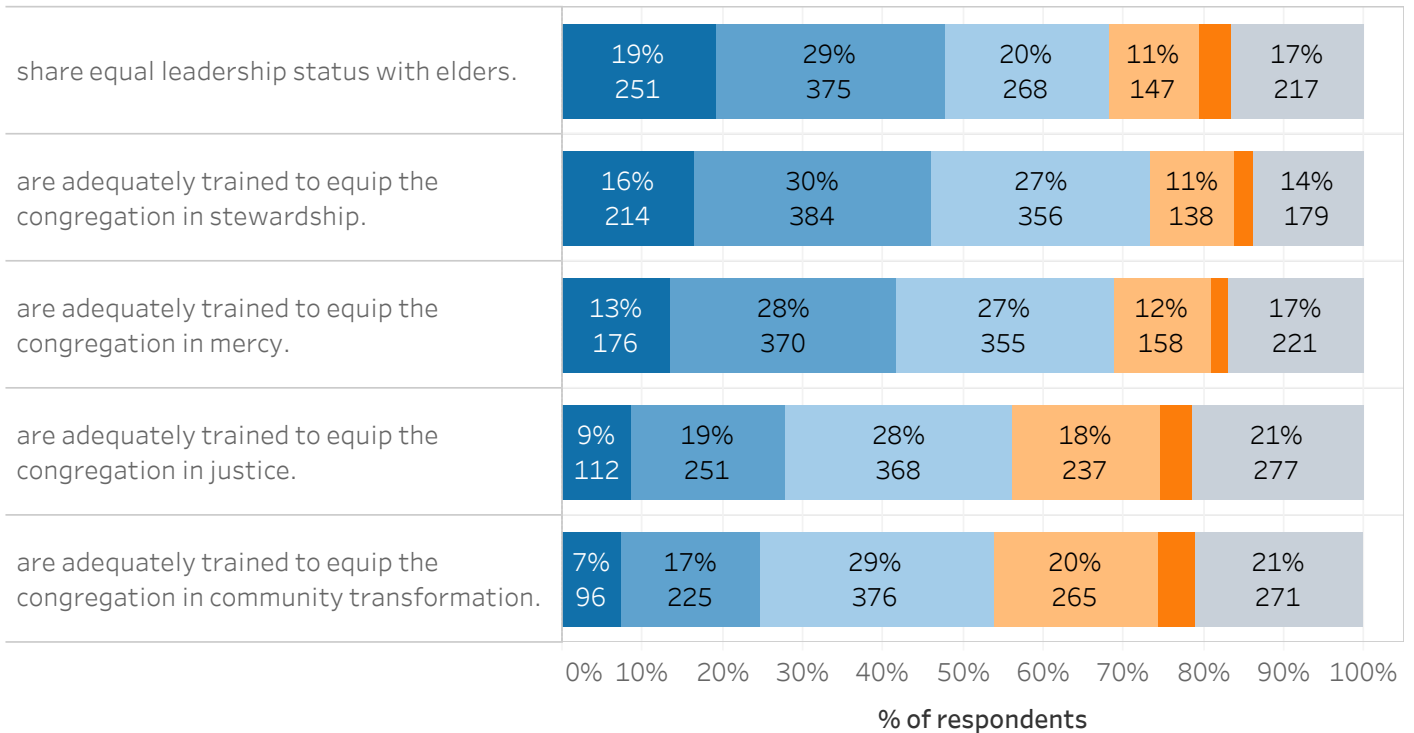
Diaconal Ministry

Q317. Which of the following would you say is primarily responsible for equipping diaconal ministry at [your church]?	Deacons who are formally ordained congregational leaders.	55.0%
	A pastor on the church staff.	18.8%
	Non-ordained lay volunteers.	8.8%
	Some other person or group.	4.9%
	A non-ordained member of the church staff.	2.3%
	An ordained elder(s).	3.1%

■ % for all participants

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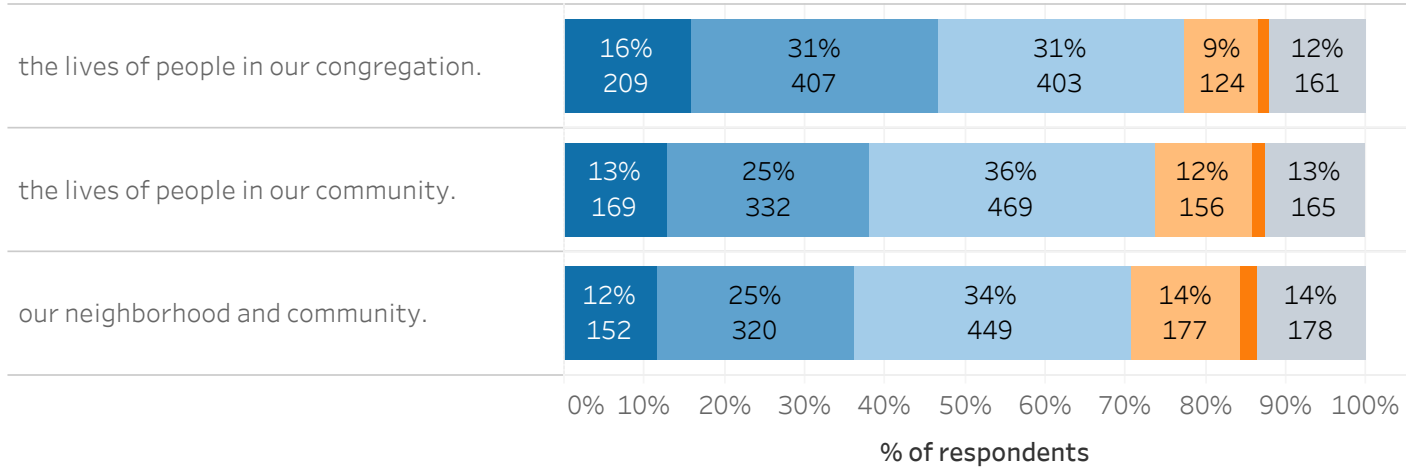
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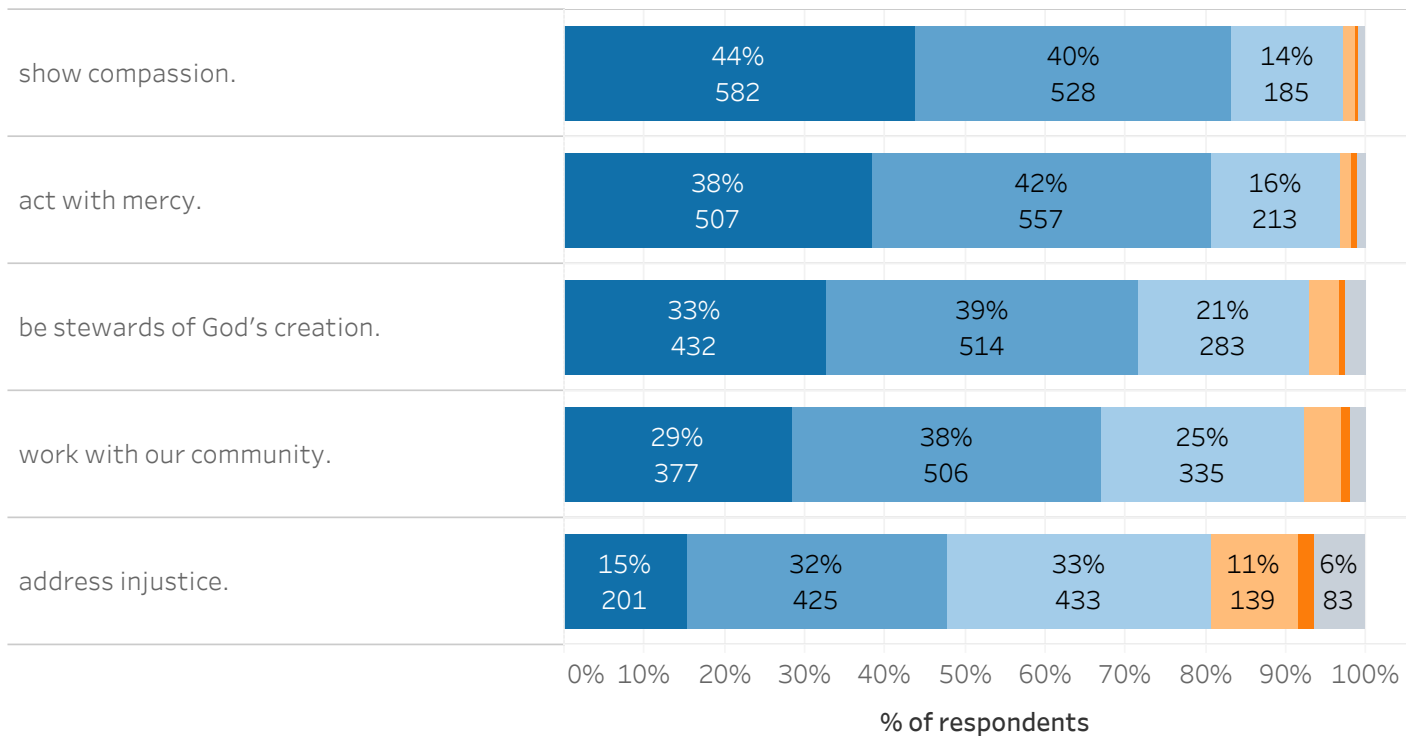
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Please indicate how true each statement is concerning your church:

Our diaconal work is transforming...



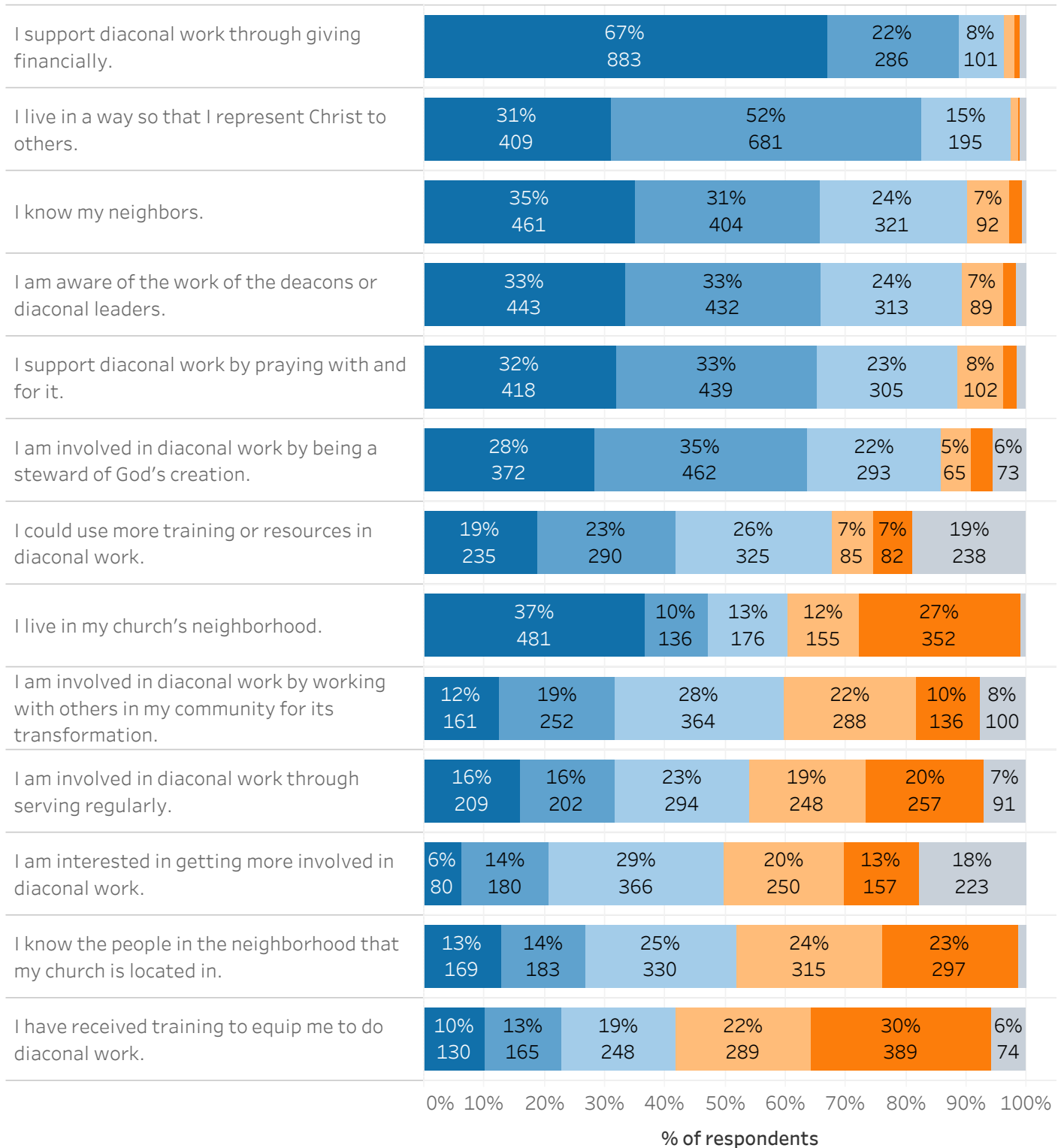
People in our congregation are equipped to...



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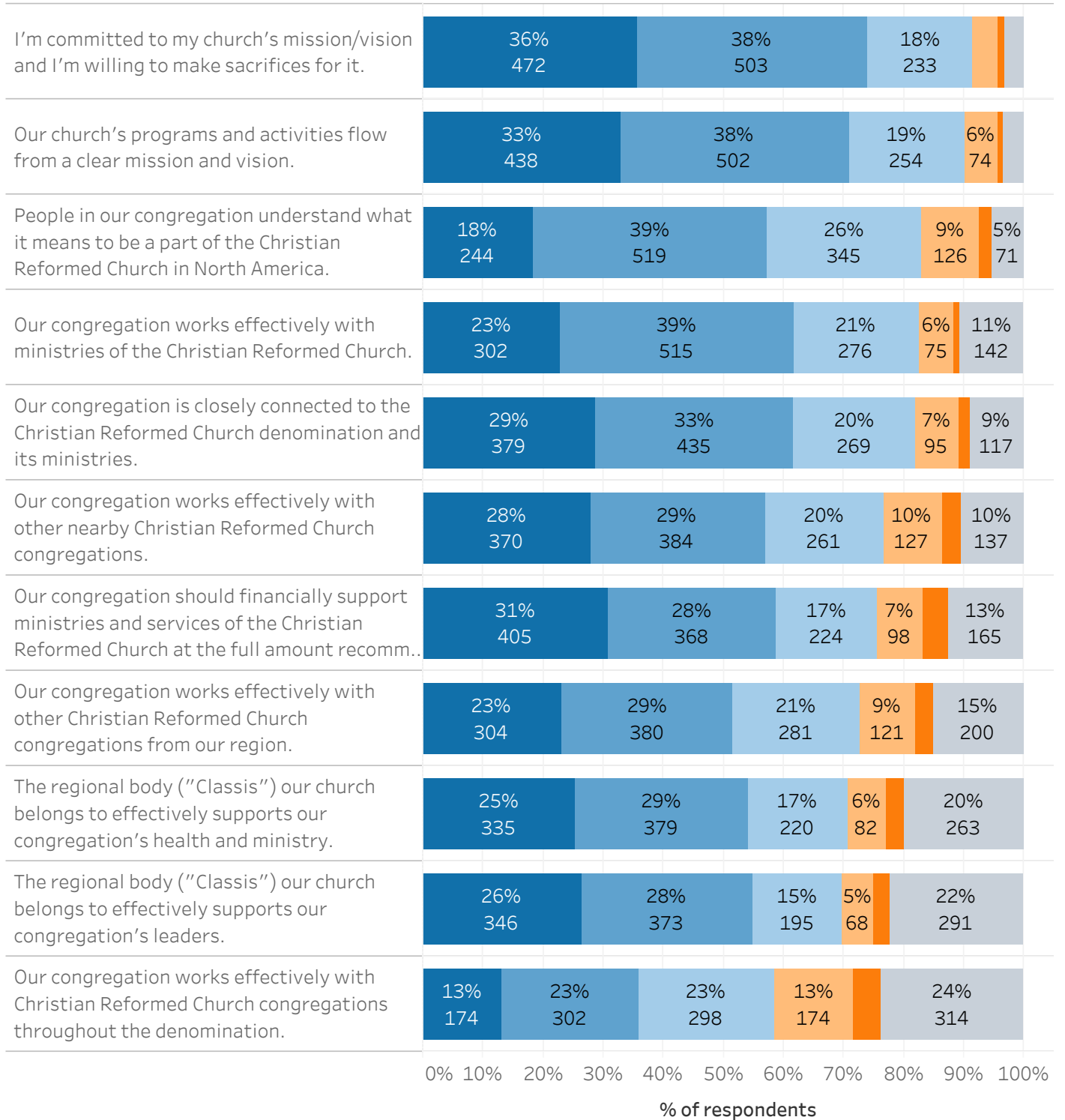
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Individual Items

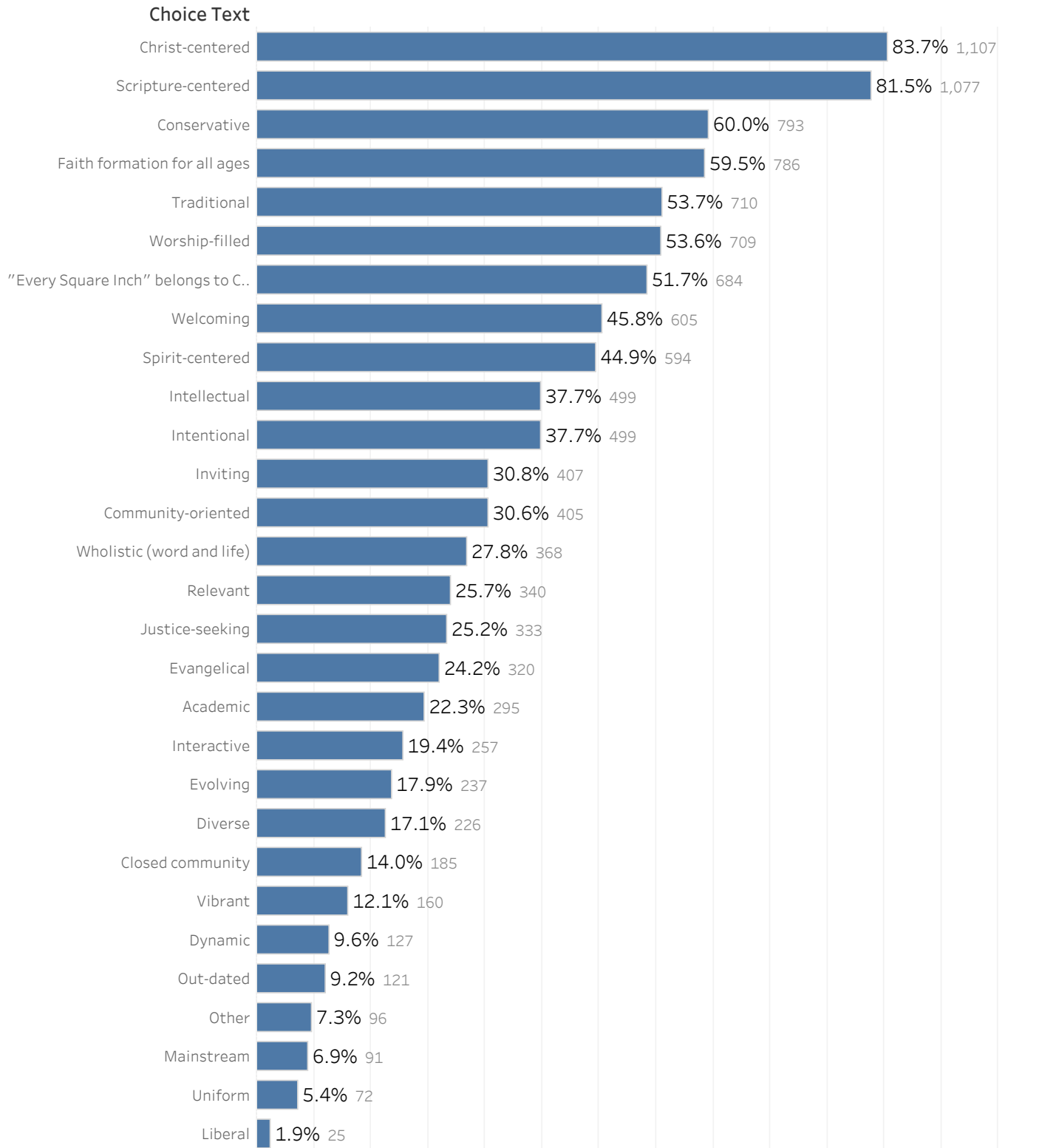
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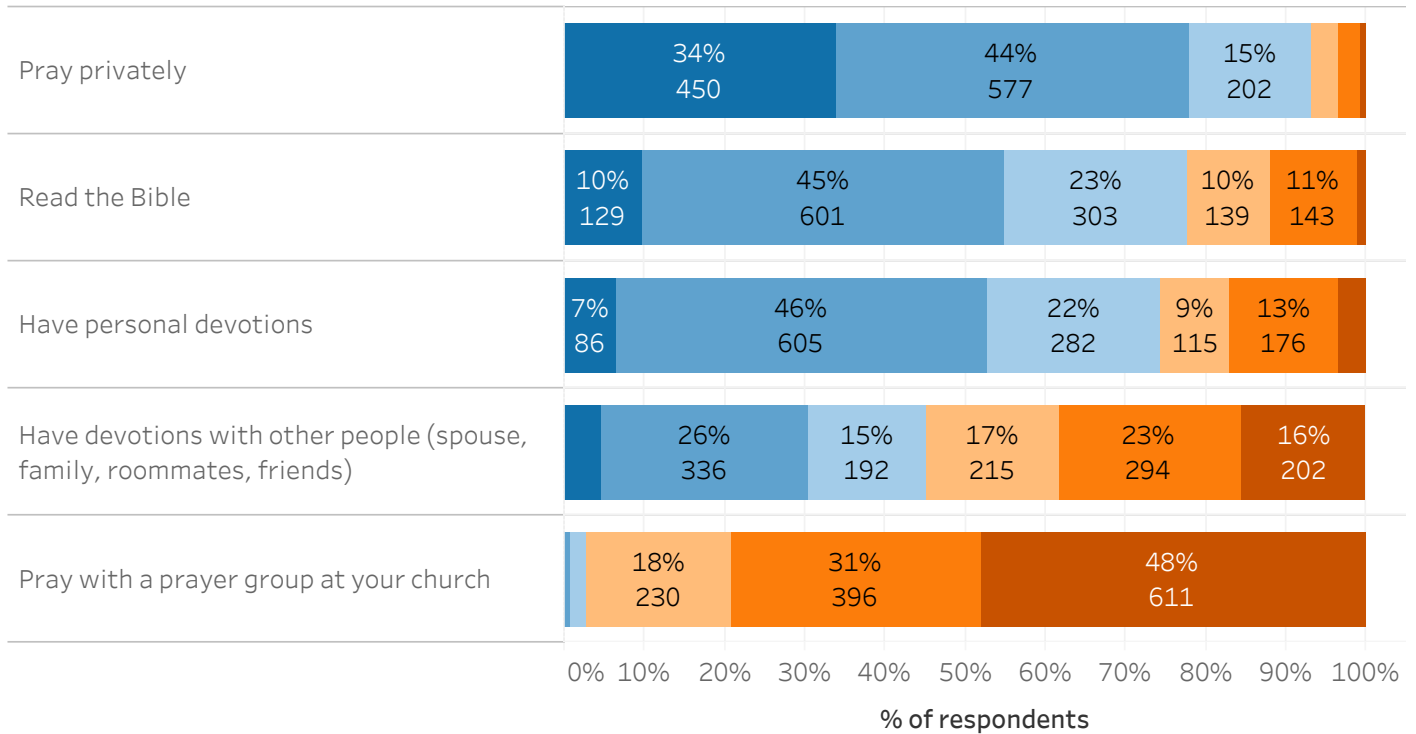
What Christian Reformed Means

To me, the term "Christian Reformed" means:



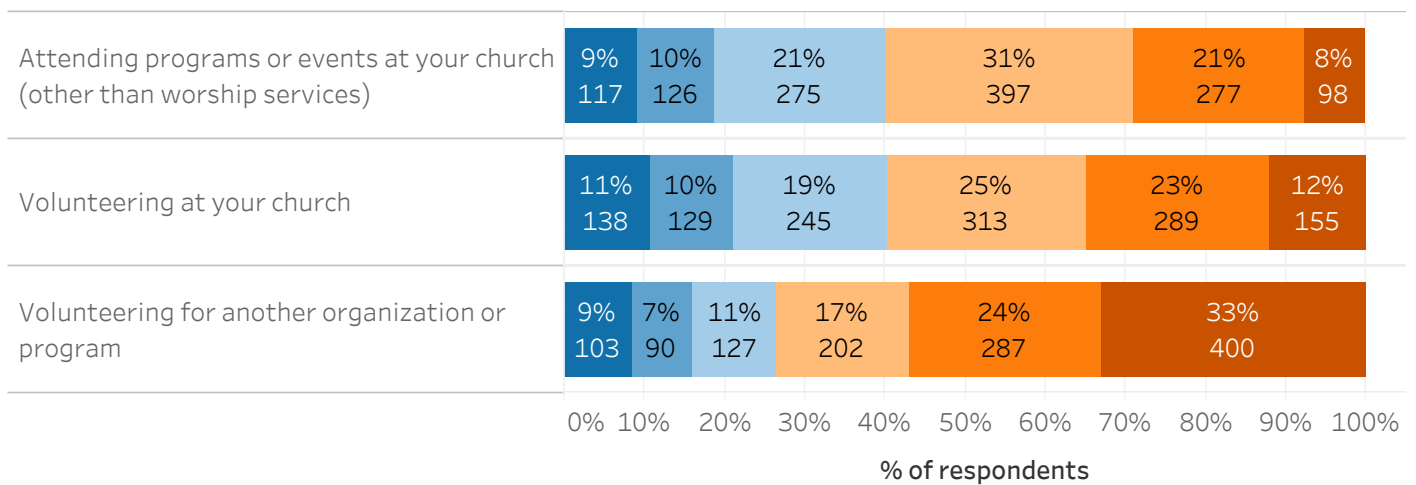
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How often do you:



■ More than once a day ■ Several times a week ■ Less than weekly
■ Daily ■ Weekly ■ Never

Please indicate how many hours you spent during an average month over the last year in each of the following:



■ 20 plus ■ 6-10 ■ 1-2
■ 11-20 ■ 3-5 ■ Zero

Worship and Belonging

Q41. How much enthusiasm do you feel, in general, about the work and programs of [this church]?	Very high enthusiasm	18.8%				
	Moderately high enthusiasm		54.4%			
	Moderately low enthusiasm	17.5%				
	Very low enthusiasm	5.4%				
	Unsure	2.3%				
Q49. Do you have a strong sense of belonging to [this church]?	Yes, a strong sense of belonging that is growing		33.4%			
	Yes, a strong sense—about the same as last year		40.2%			
	Yes, but perhaps not as strong as in the past	17.7%				
	No, but I am happy as I am	1.2%				
	No, and I wish I did by now	4.0%				
	No, but I am new to [this church]	1.3%				
	Unsure	1.2%				
Q51. Every individual and family has particular needs and gifts with which to serve. Do you prefer a long-term relationship with a particular congregation, even if some needs go unmet and gifts go unused? Or do you find it best to attend the congregation that meets ..	Definitely prefer to meet needs and use gifts now	12.7%				
	Lean toward going where needs are met and gifts are used	13.0%				
	Neutral, don't lean either way	13.0%				
	Lean toward the long-term relationship, regardless of whether ..		27.5%			
	Definitely prefer a long-term relationship		26.6%			
	Unsure	4.6%				

■ % for all participants

Financial Contribution

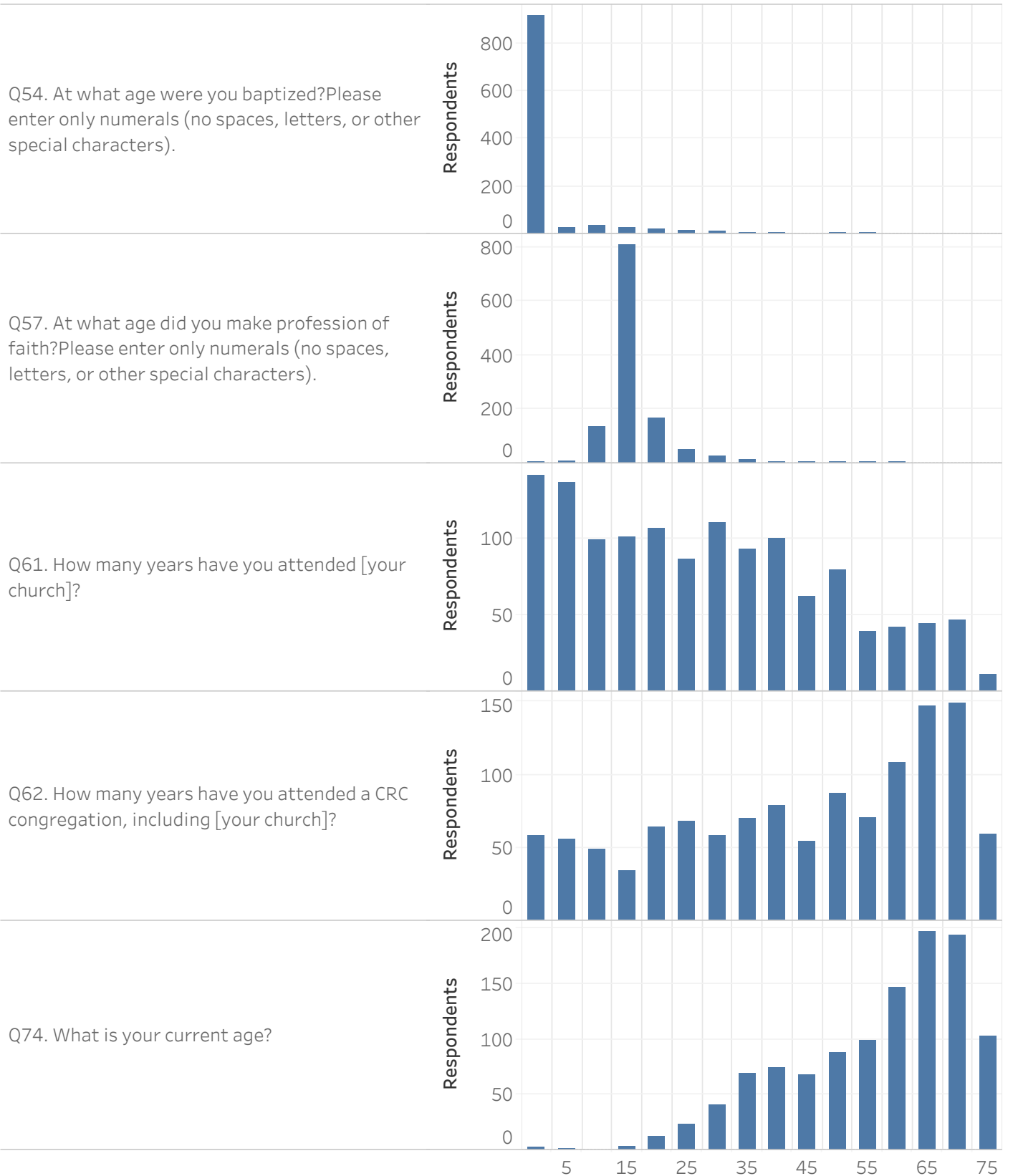
Q46. Approximately how much did your household contribute to [this church]?	Nothing	● 0.7%				
	\$1-\$499	● 2.9%				
	\$500-\$999	● 4.0%				
	\$1,000-\$1,499	● 3.6%				
	\$1,500-\$1,999	● 2.9%				
	\$2,000-\$2,499	● 4.0%				
	\$2,500-\$2,999	● 3.5%				
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	\$4,500-\$4,999	● 4.0%				
	\$5,000-\$7,499	● 19.1%				
	\$7,500-\$9,999	● 11.8%				
	\$10,000-\$14,999	● 11.7%				
	\$15,000 or more	● 7.9%				
	Unsure	● 2.1%				
Q47. Approximately how much did your household contribute to all other charitable causes (excluding what you reported in the previous question).	Nothing	● 1.8%				
	\$1-\$499	● 13.2%				
	\$500-\$999	● 13.1%				
	\$1,000-\$1,499	● 8.9%				
	\$1,500-\$1,999	● 6.5%				
	\$2,000-\$2,499	● 5.2%				
	\$2,500-\$2,999	● 4.5%				
	\$3,000-\$3,499	● 4.3%				
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	\$4,500-\$4,999	● 1.9%				
	\$5,000-\$7,499	● 6.2%				
	\$7,500-\$9,999	● 3.4%				
	\$10,000-\$14,999	● 5.4%				
	\$15,000 or more	● 8.2%				
	Unsure	● 4.1%				

Spiritual Condition

Q12. How would you say your spiritual life and faith has changed over the last 12 months?	Has grown significantly	● 25.8%				
	Has grown a little		● 44.6%			
	Has been stable	● 20.9%				
	Has declined a little	● 4.6%				
	Has declined significantly	● 1.4%				

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Years of Age and Attendance



Church Health

Q34. Please describe [this church's] current health:	Awful	1.6%				
	Poor	5.1%				
	Fair	15.6%				
	Good	43.3%				
	Great	28.6%				
Q35. Please describe [this church's] health five years ago:	Awful	1.4%				
	Poor	8.5%				
	Fair	26.0%				
	Good	41.4%				
	Great	11.8%				
Q36. The life cycle of a congregation can be likened to the life cycle of a person. From the following life cycle stages, select the one that comes closest to where you think your congregation is today.	Infancy/childhood (much enthusiasm for new vision, starting up and movi..	1.8%				
	Adolescence (high enthusiasm; excited about working out the vision)	1.5%				
	Young adulthood (new people drawn to vision; new programs helping fulfil..	28.3%				
	Maturing adulthood (feel vision is being realized; feeling that you have ..	32.5%				
	Empty nest/retirement (losing some members; vision fading; enthusiasm ..	23.9%				
	Old age/dying (losing/lost sense of purpose; a few do most of the work; ..	7.2%				

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Church Involvement

Q13. How often do you attend Sunday morning worship services?	Never	0.4%				
	Less than one Sunday a month	1.1%				
	One Sunday a month	0.9%				
	Two or three Sundays a month	11.9%				
	Every Sunday	83.8%				
	No answer	0.4%				
Q14. How often do you attend Sunday evening worship services at [this church]?	Never	8.3%				
	Less than one Sunday a month	4.1%				
	One Sunday a month	2.1%				
	Two or three Sundays a month	5.5%				
	Every Sunday	13.8%				
	No answer	1.0%				
	Does not apply - [this church] does ..	63.3%				
Q15. How often do you attend church education classes for adults at [this church] (aside from Bible studies)?	Never	26.3%				
	Less than once a month	10.7%				
	Once a month	4.9%				
	Two or three times a month	5.5%				
	Almost every week	4.3%				
	Every week	7.4%				
	Does not apply - [this church] does ..	34.5%				
	Q52. Which of the following describes your connection with [this church]?	Professing member (have made p..	91.7%			
Baptized member (have not made ..	0.9%					
Regular attender	5.7%					
Occasional visitor	0.1%					
None of the above	0.3%					

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CRC Agencies and Ministries

Q66. Which of the following ministries and agencies of the CRCNA do you believe are making a positive, significant contribution to [your church]?	Partners Worldwide	0.0%
	Calvin University	23.9%
	Communications Resources (Faith ..	31.0%
	Resonate Global Mission	50.0%
	Calvin Theological Seminary	44.1%
	Canadian Indigenous Ministry	9.5%
	Canadian Intercultural Ministry	5.3%
	Centre for Public Dialogue (Canada)	6.5%
	Dynamic Youth	0.0%
	Ministry Planning (such as Our Jou..	5.8%
	Raise Up Global Ministries (Timoth..	0.0%
	ReFrame Ministries	31.3%
	Thrive (Abuse Prevention and Resp..	20.7%
	Thrive (Chaplaincy)	11.5%
	Thrive (Disability Access)	13.8%
	Thrive (Diversity)	8.4%
	Thrive (Faith Formation)	21.1%
	Thrive (Justice)	10.2%
	Thrive (Pastors and Church Suppor..	24.4%
	Thrive (Racial Justice)	9.3%
Thrive (Worship)	19.2%	
World Renew	61.7%	
Q68. What are the best ways for the denomination to keep you informed about the ministries you support through your Ministry Shares, gifts and offerings? You may select more than one.	Church bulletins and newsletters	58.6%
	Direct mail	6.0%
	I prefer not to receive information	4.3%
	Ministry videos	22.7%
	Newsletters distributed at your c..	31.9%
	Newsletters mailed to your home	9.9%
	Personal appearances	24.7%
	Social media (Facebook, Twitter, e..	20.8%
	The Banner	50.6%
	E-mail (e.g. CRC News, For Pastors..	41.4%
Other	1.2%	

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Decision-making

Q22. Which of the following statements best describes your involvement in the making of important decisions in [this church]?	I have been given the opportunity and often participate in decision-making.	44.2%
	I have been given the opportunity and occasionally get involved in decision-making.	25.2%
	I have been given the opportunity, but don't usually get involved in decision-making.	8.9%
	I have not been given an opportunity to be involved, and this is fine with me.	8.5%
	I have not been given an opportunity to be involved, and I am not happy with this.	4.9%
Q23. How much influence do you feel that church members have on the decision-making at your church?	Not enough	17.1%
	Just right	67.3%
	Too much	2.0%
Q44. How much do you trust the leaders of your church?	Low level of trust	6.7%
	Medium level of trust	24.9%
	High level of trust	66.4%

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Participation

Q20. Which of the following is closest to describing the situation at [this church]?	We do not have any problem gettin..	● 13.5%			
	Recruiting volunteer leaders is a co..			● 62.4%	
	We cannot find enough people willi..	● 13.8%			
Q21. In what ways have you been involved in [your church]? Check as many as apply, including both former and current activities.	Administrator	● 9.1%			
	Choir member		● 28.6%		
	Church committee chairperson		● 27.4%		
	Church committee member			● 61.5%	
	Council or consistory officer		● 25.5%		
	Custodian	● 4.3%			
	Deacon		● 27.7%		
	Elder		● 32.7%		
	None of the above	● 3.2%			
	Organist or pianist	● 6.5%			
	Other instrumentalist	● 7.0%			
	Pastor (senior, associate, youth, et..	● 3.8%			
	Praise team		● 21.1%		
	Small group leader		● 35.2%		
	Small group member			● 62.6%	
	Sunday or church school teacher			● 49.1%	
	Usher or greeter			● 36.1%	
	Worship leader	● 11.8%			
	Youth leader		● 20.2%		
	Other (specify):	● 12.8%			

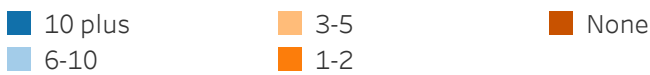
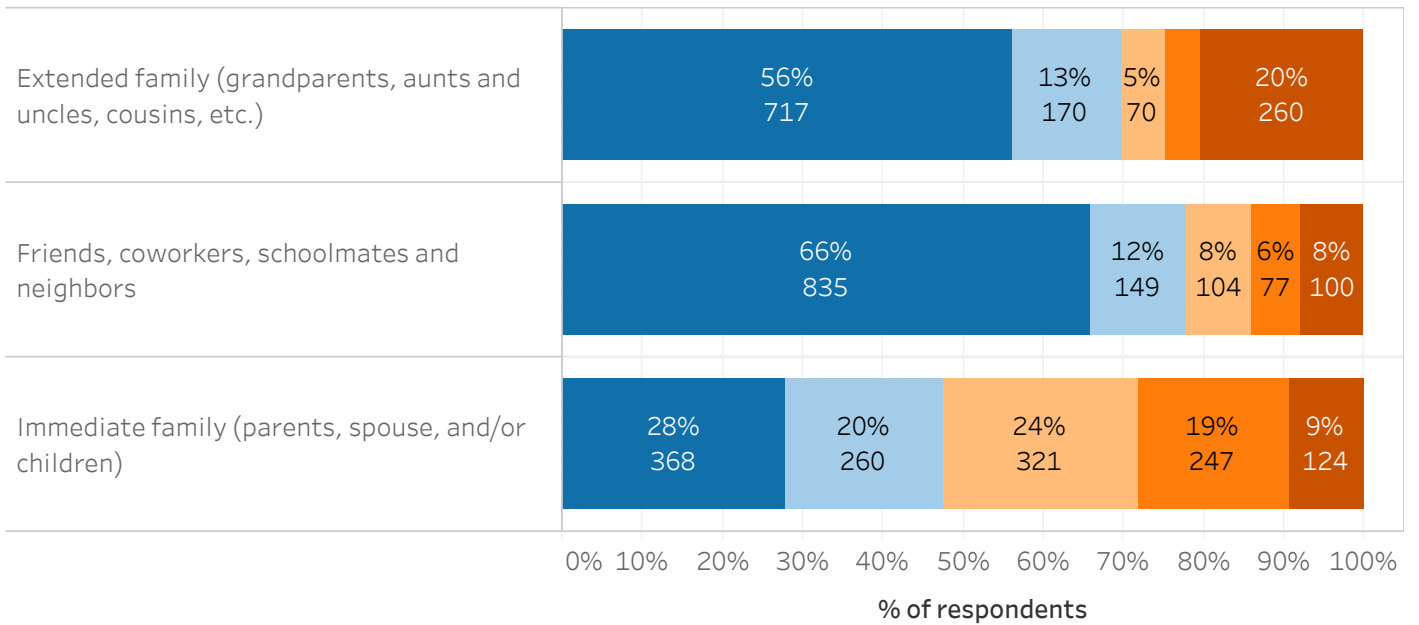
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Christian Day Schools

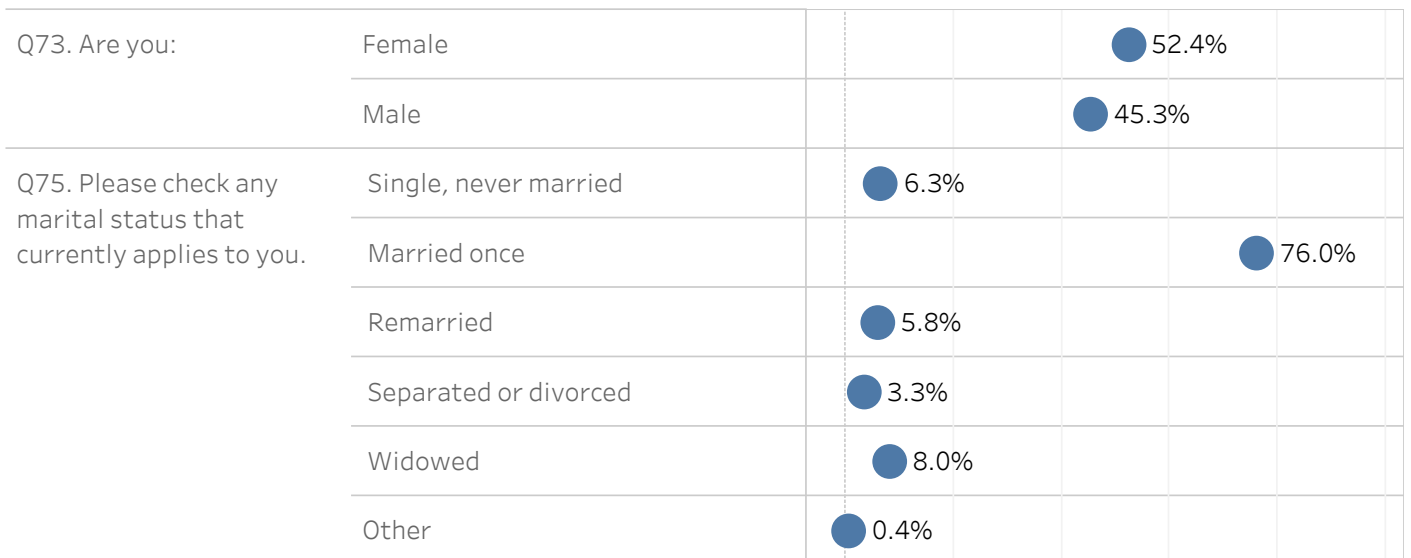
Q70. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with this statement: "Personal support for Christian day schools is a requirement to be part of a covenant community of believers."	Strongly agree	14.8%				
	Agree	20.5%				
	Neutral	20.4%				
	Disagree	19.5%				
	Strongly disagree	19.3%				
Q71. In the past year, how have you supported one or more Christian day schools?	Gave a financial gift			59.7%		
	Paid tuition	22.3%				
	Participated in a fundraiser			45.3%		
	Prayer support			48.3%		
	Volunteered time	26.3%				
	Other, specify	2.1%				
	None of the above	17.5%				

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About how many people do you know in each category below who are in the Christian Reformed Church?



Demographics: Gender and Marital Status



Demographics: Income

Q94. What was your total household income last year (2024) before taxes and deductions? This includes income from all sources.	Less than \$10,000	0.5%				
	\$10,000 to \$14,999	0.4%				
	\$15,000 to \$19,999	0.7%				
	\$20,000 to \$29,999	1.8%				
	\$30,000 to \$39,999	2.9%				
	\$40,000 to \$49,999	4.3%				
	\$50,000 to \$59,999	6.0%				
	\$60,000 to \$69,999	6.0%				
	\$70,000 to \$79,999	5.6%				
	\$80,000 to \$99,999	10.4%				
	\$100,000 to \$149,999	18.9%				
	\$150,000 to \$199,000	7.3%				
	\$200,000 or more	9.1%				
	Don't know or unsure	3.3%				

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Demographics: Race (US)

Q87. How would you describe yourself? Check as many as apply.	Asian/Asian American	1.7%				
	Black/African American	0.6%				
	Hispanic/Latino	1.3%				
	Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islan..	0.5%				
	White/Caucasian/Anglo				91.2%	
	North American Indian/Indigenous	0.6%				
	Other	1.0%				
	Prefer not to say	2.1%				
	Q88. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?	Yes, Cuban	0.0%			
Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, C..		1.1%				
Yes, Puerto Rican		0.0%				
Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Sp..		0.5%				
No					91.5%	
Q89. What is your race or nationality?	American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1%				
	Asian Indian	0.1%				
	Filipino	0.5%				
	Guamanian or Chamorro	0.0%				
	Japanese	0.1%				
	Korean	0.6%				
	Native Hawaiian	0.1%				
	Samoan	0.0%				
	Vietnamese	0.1%				
	Black or African American	0.7%				
	Other Asian	0.2%				
	Other Pacific Islander	0.4%				
	White				92.2%	

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Demographics: Race (Canada)

Q92. Are you: (Check all that apply)	Arab	0.0%						
	Black	0.2%						
	Chinese	0.0%						
	Filipino	0.0%						
	Japanese	0.0%						
	Korean	0.0%						
	Latin American	0.2%						
	White						93.4%	
	Other, please specify:	1.3%						
	No answer	1.0%						
	South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	0.0%						
	Southeast Asian (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Laotian, etc.)	0.0%						
	West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Afghan, etc.)	0.0%						
	Q93. Are you a member of an Indian Band/First Nation?	Yes	0.2%					
No		0.2%						

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Demographics: Employment

Q84. What is your current employment situation? Check as many as apply.	Full-time employment	● 32.3%
	Part-time employment	● 14.1%
	Full-time student	● 0.4%
	Part-time student	● 0.3%
	Homemaker or primary caregiver	● 8.5%
	Self-employed	● 9.0%
	Own a business with employees	● 3.8%
	Own an agricultural business (farm..	● 6.6%
	Retired	● 43.9%
	Unemployed	● 0.8%
	Actively looking for new work	● 0.9%
	Disabled or otherwise unable to wo..	● 0.6%
	Volunteer or unpaid position (such ..	● 4.8%
	None of the above	● 0.1%
	Other (specify):	● 0.6%
Q85. How would you describe your current vocation? Please check all areas of your calling in which you are active, whether paid or voluntary.	Ordained Christian ministry	● 4.3%
	Lay Christian ministry	● 10.2%
	Church leadership	● 19.9%
	For-profit business	● 13.9%
	Non-profit organization	● 18.9%
	Farming or agriculture	● 10.7%
	Entrepreneurship	● 4.0%
	Social or political activism	● 3.8%
	Missions and evangelism	● 5.9%
	Environmental stewardship or "cre..	● 3.9%
	Technology and social media	● 3.5%
	Engagement with children or youth	● 18.5%
	Cross-cultural ministry or racial rec..	● 3.2%
	None of the above	● 21.8%
	Other (specify):	● 5.1%

Demographics: Disability, Residential Setting

Q81. Is there anyone living in your household with any of the following disabilities?	Physical disability (e.g., blindness, deafness, M.S., paralysis)	8.0%					
	Cognitive disability	2.5%					
	Mental health diagnosis	7.5%					
	Learning disability	4.0%					
	Drug or alcohol addiction	1.3%					
	None of the above					76.5%	
Q82. How would you describe the area in which you live?	A large city (750,000 or more)	7.1%					
	The suburbs of a large city	11.5%					
	A medium-sized city (150,000 to 749,000)	11.8%					
	The suburbs of a medium-sized city	6.4%					
	A small city (50,000 to 149,000)	8.6%					
	A large town (10,000 to 49,000)	9.9%					
	A small town (less than 10,000)	21.2%					
	Open country, not a farm	9.9%					
	A farm	11.0%					

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